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ADMINISTRATOR'S MEMORANDUM NO. 7

Allocation of Food

Executive Order 9322, as amended, directs the War Food Administrator to determine the direct and indirect military, other governmental, civilian, and foreign requirements for food. One of the principal phases of this responsibility is the allocation of food among the several claimants. Because many critical food commodities cannot be supplied in quantities sufficient to meet the requests of all claimant agencies, it is necessary to divide the supply in a manner which will make the maximum contribution to military needs and at the same time take fully into account indirect and non-military needs.

Our first obligation is to our own military forces. Civilians must be assured of a supply fully adequate to keep them healthy and functioning effectively. The armies of our Allies and their civilian population should have as large a share of our supplies as our own needs and available shipping space will permit.

Allocation of foods which are not in sufficient supply to meet all requirements will be made by the War Food Administrator with the advice of appropriate officials and agencies, including the Food Advisory Committee. The Director of Food Distribution shall receive and assemble statements of food requirements of all claimant agencies; adjust those requirements in terms of available supplies; prepare tables of allocations and recommendations to the War Food Administrator; and consult with all claimant agencies to resolve as many points of conflict as possible.

The Director of Food Distribution is also authorized to refer tentative allocations for export to the Combined Food Board and to consult with the Board on such allocations, to appoint, with the approval of the War Food Administrator, the American representatives to the international food and food processing committees set up by the Combined Food Board, and to prepare for the War Food Administrator such acknowledgments of United States commitments and such collateral instructions to operating agencies to carry out these commitments as may be necessary.

There is hereby confirmed the authority of the Director of Food Distribution to establish an Inter-Agency Committee on Allocations, with himself as Chairman, which shall provide a focal point for consideration of allocation problems of claimant agencies of the United States prior to their consideration by the Food Advisory Committee and the War Food Administrator. Other specific responsibilities previously assigned the Director of Food Distribution in connection with food allocations and requirements are also confirmed.

Chester C. Evans
Administrator

